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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6456

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TAGS: PEPR, IR, XD
SUBJ: DRA FONMIN BBC INTERVIEW REMARKS RE TREATIES

REF: A. TEHRAN 6313, B. ISLAMABAD 6475

1. ISLAMABAD'S INFERENCE PARA 1 REFTEL IS CORRECT. CONFUSION
RESULATED FROM GARBLED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION. EXACT WORDS
SUBMITTED BY WHITLEY TO BBC REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD
BORDER AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"WITH PAKISTAN, AND THE LONG-STANDING QUARREL OVER THE STATUS
OF ITS PATHAN AND BALUCH PEOPLE, THE AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT
SAYS IT WILL NOT BE BUILDING ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS SETTLE-
MENT MADE UNDER PRESIDENT DAOUD. THE SURPRISING SPEED WITH
WHICH DAOUD APPEARED TO BE MOVING TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT WITH
PAKISTAN EALIER THIS YEAR IS THOUGHT BY DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS
HERE TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FACTORS BEHIND LAST APRIL'S
COUP. ACCORDING TO MR. AMIN, AFGHANISTAN HOPES THE PROBLEM
CAN BE SOLVED THROUGH FRIENDLY NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IT IS IN
NO HURRY TO RESUME THE TALKS."

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2. WHITLEY HAS PASSED US FULL TEXT THAT SUBMISSION PLUS
EIGHT OTHERS. THEY WERE POUCHED JULY 6 TO DEPT (NEA/PAB),
KABUL, AND ISLAMABAD. WE SHALL REPORT ANY HIGHLIGHTS WE
NOTE WHEN WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO READ THEM.

3. WHITLEY HAS WRITTEN FONMIN KHALATBARY LETTER JUSTIFYING

HIS ARTICLE FOR BBN, ON HELMAND WATERS AGREEMENT (TEHRAN
REFTEL), HE IS ALSO PLANNING GIVE LETTER TO THE PRESS. THIS
MAY PROLONG LIFE OF THE AFFAIR. WHITLEY'S OWN GUESS IS
THAT AFGHANS CHANGED THEIR TUNE (TEHRAN 6392 -DN 6429)
ONCE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR
MADE THREATENING NOISES OF AID CUT-OFF. WE ARE NOT SO
SURE IT WAS THAT BLUNT. SAME EFFECT WOULD HAVE BEEN
PRODUCED BY AFGHANS THINKING OVER WHAT THEY HAVE TO GAIN
OR LOSE, IN TERMS OF POLITICAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS HOPED-
FOR AID FROM IRAN.
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